APPENDICES
APPENDIX - I

STUDENTS’ QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear student,

My study on ‘Precept and Practice: Strategies for the Acquisition of Writing Skills, an Experimental Study’ is done in partial fulfillment of my PhD degree. Please read the questions given and answer appropriately. I assure you that the information provided by you will be used for research purpose only.

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PERSONAL DATA SHEET

Name :  
Gender : Male ( ) Female ( )
Age :  
Name of the school where you passed
Higher Secondary :  
Medium of Instruction in school :  
Name of college :  
Major subject :  

Educational level of parents: Tick the relevant box:

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STUDENTS’ EXPECTATIONS OF WRITING INSTRUCTION AND
PERCEPTION OF THEIR WRITING SKILLS

1. The syllabus prescribed by the university for Part II English should:

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2. Which medium of instruction do you prefer in your Part II English classes?

a) English

b) Tamil

c) Bilingual

Reason______________________________________________________________
3. Which method would you like your teacher to use while teaching?

a) lecture method (explanation is given)

b) product approach (a model is given and students are asked to imitate)

c) process approach (questions are asked, ideas are discussed and points developed)

d) audio-visual method (using audio-visual aids like tape-recorder, television, computer, etc)

Any other method_______________________

Reason __________________________________________________________

4. Which area in writing do you think your teacher should give more attention to?

a) grammar

b) word choice

c) word order

d) mechanics

Any other_________________________

Reason __________________________________________________________

5. How often would you like to have writing practice?

a) everyday

b) three to five times a week

c) twice a week

d) once a week

Reason __________________________________________________________
6. How would you like to prepare for the exam?

a) preparing essays on your own
b) preparing essays in the class
c) using notes given by the teacher
d) using guides

Reason __________________________________________________________

7. How often do you expect your teacher to encourage you to write on your own?

a) frequently
b) sometimes
c) rarely
d) never

Reason __________________________________________________________

8. What level do you think is your writing skill?

a) excellent
b) good
c) satisfactory
d) poor

Reason __________________________________________________________

9. Which area in writing interests you?

a) grammar
b) word choice
c) word order
d) mechanics
Any other____________________
Reason__________________________________________________________

10. Which area in writing do you feel you have to improve?

a) grammar
b) word choice
c) word order
d) mechanics
Any other____________________
Reason__________________________________________________________
APPENDIX - II

TOOL TO ASSESS THE WRITING SKILLS OF STUDENTS

Name:

Time: 40 Min Max.marks : 50

Please answer the following questions:

I. Choose the correct tense form of the verb given in brackets: 4 x 1 = 4 marks
1. I ________ (checked/ was checking) the bags before I left on holiday.
2. If he ________ (broke/ had broken) the window, he would repair it.
3. I _____________ (met/ meet) my old friend yesterday.
4. They have just __________ (arrive/ arrived).

II. Choose the correct verb from the brackets:
5. His father and mother (was, were) against the marriage.
6. One of my friends ( work, works) in this factory.
7. ‘The Arabian Nights’ (is, are) an exciting story.
8. The manager with his assistant ( is, are) arriving

III. Fill in the blank with suitable prepositions: 4 x 1 = 4 marks
9. We waited for over an hour ________ the bus stop. ( in, at, on)
10. Who is that woman ________ the photograph? ( in, at, on)
11. Would you like to come ________ a walk with me? ( for, by, to)
12. What did you have ________ lunch? ( in, on, for)

IV. Fill in the blank with suitable articles (a/an/the): 4 x 1 = 4 marks
13. This is ____ important question.
14. Is there ____ hospital in your village?
15. There is only one letter here; where are ______ others?
16. She has got ______ M.Phil. degree.
V. Fill in the blanks with suitable words: 8 x 1 = 8 marks

17. The boys in the class appeared to be _________________. The teacher asked them the reason for their _________________ (disappointed, disappointment)

18. The ___________ woman lives in a ________________ hut (wretched, thatched)

19. He is a _______________ man. He is never ________________ (angry, patient)

20. The policeman spoke in a ___________ voice. The people felt ______________ (friendly, happy)

21. She has a ________________ voice. I heard her sing a _________________ song (melodious, sweet)

22. That child is very _________________. She always gets ______________ (lucky, gifts)

23. Though Hemant performed _____________ he did not get as ________ a name as Harish did (good, well)

24. The busy father got _______ when his kids ___________ him (angry, irritated)

VI. Rearrange the following words to make complete sense: 8 x 1 = 8 marks

25. heavily raining outside is it
26. colourful birds are some very
27. intelligent are children his very
28. keeps she very house her well
29. books bought I two shop in the
30. near there cement factory a is house my
31. eat fresh vegetables fresh like I to
32. good wear winter warm it is in clothes to

VII. Correct the words that have been misspelt: 4 x 1 = 4 marks

33. writen
34. grammar
35. sentance
36. secondry
VIII. Write the following sentences with correct punctuation and capitalization:  

1 x 4 = 4 marks

37. where is your house
38. when i went home it was midnight
39. what a wonderful poem she has written
40. have you written your exercise

IX. Write a paragraph of about 100 words on ‘The Usage of Mobile Phones’. You can make use of the hints given below: 1 x 10 = 10 marks

41. Recent development – increase in the usage of mobile phones – once a status symbol – now very common – availability – cost – helps people to be in contact – easy to use – cheap and fast way of communicating – demerits – dangerous to use while driving – accidents – affects health – some people misuse it – mobile phones should be used in the right way.
APPENDIX - III

TOOL TO ASSESS THE WRITING SKILLS OF STUDENTS

(POST-TEST)

Name : 

Time: 40 Min                                                                 Max.marks : 50

Please answer the following questions:

I. Choose the correct tense form of the verb given in brackets: 4 x 1 = 4 marks

1. I ____________ (finished / had finished) when he came.
2. If he ____________ (played / had played) well, he would have won the game.
3. She ____________ (post / posted) the letter yesterday.
4. They have just ____________ (leave / left).

II. Choose the correct verb from the brackets: 4 x 1 = 4 marks

5. The ship, with its crew, (was, were) lost.
6. ‘Gulliver’s Travels’ (was, were) written by Swift.
7. The news (is, are) true.
8. The novelist and poet (is, are) dead.

III. Fill in the blank with suitable prepositions: 4 x 1 = 4 marks

9. My dress is made ______ (at, on, of) silk.
10. She washed her clothes ______ (in, at, on) river water.
11. The poor man asked ______ (for, by, to) help.
12. The monkey was sitting ______ (in, on, for) the tree.
IV. Fill in the blank with suitable articles (a/an/the): 4 x 1 = 4 marks

13. He has _____ European wife.
15. She did her work in ______ untidy manner.
16. We expect the train to be ______ hour late.

V. Fill in the blanks with suitable words: 8 x 1 = 8 marks

17. The singers __________ offers any day __________ Sunday (accept, except).
18. The __________ of the medicine is likely to __________ her sleep (affect, except).
19. __________ a park, there was also a temple __________ their house (beside, besides).
20. She had to __________ her parents in order to __________ them (convince, persuade).
21. The __________ is a man of ______________ (principal, principals).
22. Look at the __________ baby; how beautiful it is when it is __________ (asleep, sleeping).
23. Please be quiet __________ the teacher is teaching. You are not to disturb __________ class hours (during, while).
24. She felt ________ as her husband’s behaviour was becoming _______ than ever (bad, worse).

VI. Rearrange the following words to make complete sense: 8 x 1 = 8 marks

25. late morning this why he was
26. tomorrow here will Mary be think I
27. eats nor chicken meat she
28. evening last jerry the to market night
29. potatoes frozen most the of were
30. house has small brother my
31. wrote letter the Lucy carefully
32. always school to late Jean comes

VII. Correct the words that have been misspelt: 4 x 1 = 4 marks

33. useful
34. casette
35. sincerely
36. grammar

VIII. Write the following sentences with correct punctuation and capitalization:

.4 x 1 = 4 marks 37. where is the key
38. what am i supposed to do
39. what a beautiful voice she has got
40. have you found your bag

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